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BEAN GROWERS MEET

Held Session at the Wright House Last Thursday

LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT

P. L. Perkins of Merrill Elected Pres't—Outlook for 1914 Good

That the bean crop of central Michigan will be bigger and better than last year, and that an increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. in acreage had been made since 1913 was the consensus of opinion as expressed by the members of the Central Michigan Bean Association who met in the Wright House Wednesday afternoon, July 8th. The meeting had been called by the secretary for the purpose of electing new officers, and for a general discussion of the condition of the bean crop. The meeting was called to order by President P. L. Perkins, of Merrill, who opened the program with a few brief remarks, and called for the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The report of the secretary showed the Association to be in good condition. The membership list contained over fifty of the most prominent bean growers and persons interested in that product in Central Michigan. The financial report showed that there was a balance on hand of \$74.99, while a statement forwarded from the Treasurer, who was unable to be present, showed a balance of \$47.70. Both reports were unanimously adopted.

No new names were proposed for admission as members of the organization, so those present proceeded to the election of officers. A nominating committee consisting of D. Mansfield, of Remus, Robert A. Law, of Freeland, and J. B. Crawford, of Ithaca, submitted the following nominations for the officers for the coming year: President, P. L. Perkins, of Merrill; vice-president, Robert A. Law, of Freeland; Treasurer, H. E. Chatterton, of Mt. Pleasant; for Board of Directors, J. W. Fate, Blanchard; J. B. Crawford, Ithaca; W. I. Biles, Saginaw; D. Mansfield, Remus. And the committee further recommended that the President and Directors select a new Secretary at their earliest convenience. The report of the nominating committee was accepted in its entirety, and the new officers installed.

When a report of the crops was called for each member responded with a statement of the conditions in his particular territory. A compiling of the different reports showed the bean crop to be in very excellent condition. As a result of the suggestions of several members an investigation will be made as to the advisability of substituting jute bags for the customary cotton ones to cut down the expense of moving the bean crop.

MR. AND MRS. MAXWELL

Tendered Reception at Home of John Maxwell Near Mt. Pleasant

The farm residence and lawns of John Maxwell, two and a half miles west of Mt. Pleasant, were transformed Thursday evening into a reception hall in honor of his son Floyd and wife. The trees and lawn were decorated with many pretty Japanese lanterns, and the interior of the home draped with crepe paper of various colors, and every available nook and corner was filled with beautiful roses and ferns. More than a hundred and fifty guests were present from that community and many friends and relatives from other places were also there. Mr. Leon Stinchcomb, of Alma, was a guest, and sang a solo which received ample applause. Mr. George Soper, father of Mrs. Floyd Maxwell, was also a guest. Mrs. Lou Maxwell sang a very delightful contralto solo. Harry Phillips played the violin, and Miss Sarah Maxwell officiated at the piano. The guests were formally introduced, and after that the party enjoyed a regular old-fashioned good time. Lunch was served both in the house and on the lawn.

UNITED BRETHREN.

Regular services next Sunday morning. Rev. A. A. Millard, who preached so acceptably four weeks ago, will again fill the pulpit. Come and hear a sermon that feeds the hungry soul. A welcome awaits you.

E. C. CLAPP, Pastor.

25-cent underwear closing out at 19 cents at Mrs. Adams' Cloak Store. x

LIBRARY MONEY.

Penal Fines or Library Money is to be Apportioned.

On July 15 of this year the Superintendent of Public Instruction will send to the county clerks of the state a statement showing the districts that are entitled to share in the distribution of the penal fines or library money in their respective counties. The apportionment of this money should be made by the county treasurer before the first day of August to the several townships in his county. The townships treasurers are required by law to make a report to each director in their township of the library money due his district on or before August 15.

If the township treasurer has not received his statement from the county treasurer within a reasonable time after August 1 he should apply for same, and directors of school districts should see that their township treasurer has made a report to them on or before Aug. 15 of the primary and library funds due their respective districts.

ALMA 14. SHEPHERD 6

Alma's Base Ball Nine Put Shepherd at the Small End of Score

The Shepherd-Alma game opened Friday with a grand rush. Long, the visitors' first bagger, came to bat and placed a pretty single over second on the first ball thrown, he made home on a steal, an overthrow and a bunt. Shepherd copped two runs that inning, and then the Alma sluggers proceeded to go them one better. Stimson safely reached first and "Stub" Roger walked to the plate, calmly pounded the first ball given him to the ticket office over toward the gym, and raced around the diamond for the first home run of the game. O'Shinsky, the imported catcher from Belding who was taking Vogt's place because he is injured, singled, and Eddie Johnson made a two bagger bringing him in. The side was then retired, leaving the score 3 to 2. So the entire game was completed. Several errors and lots of feature plays. In the fifth the catcher knocked a long fly to left and made a homer. At that stage of the game Shepherd took Buckhart out of the box and substituted Stryker, and when O'Shinsky came to bat in the eighth he proceeded to make the third home run of the game. The same inning Wood hit for three bags and came home on an overthrow.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Shepherd 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 0—6
Alma 3 1 1 0 3 2 1 3 0—14
Shepherd 8 hits, Alma 12.
Stolen bases, McCloy 2, Rogers 2, Wood and Allen.

Two base hits, Johnson and Manion, Lineup, Johnson p, O'Shinsky c, McCloy 1, Rogers 2, Page 3, Stimson s, Lane r, Wood m, Allen l.
Shepherd battery: Coughlin, Buckhart and Stryker. Umpire, McNamara, Mt. Pleasant.

UNION SUNDAY NIGHT CHURCH SERVICES.

The complete program for the Union services that are being held on the Sunday nights of July and August in the several churches is as follows:
July 19—At the Episcopal church, Rev. J. W. Priest, preacher.
July 26—At the Baptist church, Rev. Thomas Brownlow, preacher.
Aug. 2—At the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. E. Clapp, preacher.
Aug. 9—At the M. E. Church, Rev. J. W. Priest, preacher.
Aug. 16—At the United Brethren church, Rev. Thomas G. Brownlow, preacher.
Aug. 23—At the Baptist Church, Rev. J. Frank Jackson, preacher.
Aug. 30—At the Disciples' church. The pastor preaches.
A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

BACK FROM MARKET

E. C. Crandell Home From Semi-Annual Furniture Shows

As a result of a week spent in the furniture market and at the Semi-Annual Furniture Shows Crandell and Scott are now securing a large line of the latest ideas in furniture, comprising everything needed in the home. Mr. Crandell extends an invitation to the citizens of Alma and Gratiot County to visit their store at 107-109 East Superior street and see for themselves the latest creations in modern furniture.

Don't forget that Luchini Bros. handle the purest ice cream. x

ELECTRICAL STORM

More Than Three and One-Half Inches Rain Fall

MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS

Wheat, Oats, Corn and Beans Suffer Most Damage.

"The worst electrical storm in years" is the characterization of last Sunday's and Monday's play of elements throughout the state as heard on every hand. Gratiot county was one of the worst sufferers as a result of the storm. Though the damage done by lightning was slight the present condition of the crops tells all too well of the destructive force of the rains. Wheat which was ready for harvesting Monday and oats which would be ready within a week or two are lying flat on the ground nearly everywhere, while the destruction done to the bean crop was enormous. Though the wind was slight as a rule, the rain itself beat down the standing grains and rendered a loss to the farmers amounting to thousands of dollars. The corn was not so seriously affected, for in most instances it had not attained a great height, but the damage to the cereal grains, wheat, rye, barley and oats will be great.

In low country the fields were under water for days after the rain. The weather observer reported 3.51 inches of rain for Sunday and Monday.

In the city the work on the Libby, McNeil and Libby building and the work on the pavement was halted for two days, incurring a loss both to employer and to employee.

Great damage was wrought by lightning throughout the state, while several places reported hail storms of great violence.

Until the recent storms the crops were the most promising that they have been in thirty years, as attested to by many old residents. Not a single crop was unpromising while the majority were beating all previous "best-ers." The true extent of the damage done by the storm cannot be estimated.

LIGHTNING PRANKS

In Storm of Last Sunday Evening and Monday Morning

The lightning which accompanied the disastrous storms of last Sunday evening and Monday morning, played some queer tricks in the course of its work. At the home of Mr. Benjamin L. Walker, on West End street, it entered the house by the electric light wires, and entering nearly every room, it destroyed all the lights, breaking globes and burning wires. Many holes were burned in the walls and ceilings, but still no place was burned bad enough to start a conflagration. Wires were torn from their places and fuses were misplaced.

At the home of Mr. J. M. Secord, on Mill street, the wires were burned, torn and broken in much the same way as at the Walker home, while fuses were thrown clear across the room by the force of the lightning. Much the same antics were performed in several homes in the city with less disastrous results. Just how the lightning could play about the interiors of houses without starting a fire is unusual, to say the least.

The village of Sumner and the surrounding country received far more than its share of the wind and electrical hostess as usual was unsurpassed day. The residence of Chas. Button was struck by lightning and Mrs. Button severely shocked. The wind uprooted five large apple trees which stood in a row on the Arthur Pugsley farm one mile north of Sumner. Near there ten telephone poles were laid to the ground. Henry Seeman had a large window blown out. Sidney Evey lost a silo, which together with a tool shed was blown in many parts. The barn of Ervey Johnson, one mile south and one and a half miles west of Sumner was struck Sunday evening and a horse killed. Many other minor results were in evidence in that neighborhood.

THE TREE SURGEONS

The tree surgeons of the Michigan Arboriculture Co., Flint, will soon be in Alma. Leave word at the Record office for them. Your trees examined free.

CHAUTAUQUA POSTCARDS.

Colored postcards with views of the Chautauqua attractions have been placed on exhibition at several of the different stores together with the office of this paper. They are free for the asking, and are to be used in inviting your friends to the forthcoming Chautauqua publicity. Be sure to invite someone to the Chautauqua and show your friends a good time.

COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT.

Both dormitories at the College, Wright Hall and Pioneer Hall, will be filled by students coming for the last week of summer school which will have as its main attraction the class in Sunday School Methods. Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood will conduct the class for which over one hundred fifty persons in Alma and outside communities have registered. The dining hall at Wright Hall will be open and meals will be served to all who attend the school.

It is anticipated that over two hundred will be present for this class. Rev. Atwood is leader in this brand of religious training, and his lectures will be of profit to all.

BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

Unusual Instruction, Illustrated Lectures, Popular Addresses and Rare Entertainments During Coming Week.

The following program of the Summer Training School for Sunday school workers is furnished us by President Thomas C. Blaisdell:

The Summer Training School for Sunday school workers will begin its sessions at Alma College next Monday evening, July 20, and will continue over Sunday, July 26, on which morning there will be graduating exercises in the Presbyterian Church.

Between 25 and 30 lecturers and instructors are named on the interesting program. Specialists from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Persia, and from many cities of our state, will be here. They are all not only great teachers, but also popular and entertaining speakers.

On Monday evening between 6 and 9, in Wright Hall, will be the opening dinner, followed by after-dinner speeches, and an address by Mrs. Harry H. Esselstyne, a missionary returned from Persia. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in the Chapel, Miss Marie C. Brehm, of Philadelphia, will speak on Temperance. She is one of the greatest speakers on this subject in the nation, receiving \$100 for an address. After her address on each evening will be presented a stereopticon lecture on the Holy Land by Dr. F. S. Goodrich, who has spent months following the paths trod by Jesus. He will lecture again on Thursday evening on the same subject. On Friday evening Rev. C. W. Hastings, of Saginaw, will give an illustrated lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress."

At 10.45 each day Miss Anna B. Taft, of New York, will speak on The Church and the Open Country. Miss Taft is one of the few specialists in the nation on this subject, and is said to be a very helpful and interesting speaker. Every Gratiot county citizen should hear these addresses, for every Gratiot county citizen is vitally interested in the working out of the problem of the country church.

At least 150 strangers will be in Alma for this week of work. The registration fee is one dollar, entitling the owner or any one to whom he may hand his ticket, an admission to each exercise. For high school pupils the registration fee is 25 cents, thus making it possible for many young people to hear the very profitable evening addresses.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

Senator King having decided not to be a candidate for a second term, I hereby announce myself a candidate of the Republican party for the office of State Senator for the 25th district, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the 25th day of August, 1914. I feel that I have some qualifications for this position, having served as representative from Tuscola county in the legislative sessions of 1887 and 1889. The support of my party is respectfully solicited and will have due appreciation.

JOHN A. DAMON,
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

FOR SHERIFF.

I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket subject to the will of the voters as expressed at the primaries August 25. Your support and vote will be appreciated.

NEWELL M. BRADFORD.
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UNIQUE AUTO TRUCK

Republic Truck to Aid in Spreading the Gospel

THROUGHOUT MICH. AND SOUTH

With a 4-Cylinder 30 H. P. Engine the Evangelist Can Move Rapidly

An auto truck unique in appearance and purpose is being designed and made at the Republic Auto Truck Factory, which, when completed and equipped bids fair to create a sensation in automobile circles. The car, which is being constructed for Rev. Joseph E. Deal of Flint, Michigan, will be used by him on an extensive evangelical tour of northern Michigan and the southern states and will at once be a conveyance and a home for the itinerant minister of the gospel. The body of the new car will be a regular four cylinder, thirty horse power Republic; but the body will be unusually large and will entirely cover the wheels, chassis and front, including the engine. It will measure six feet, six inches high with the same dimensions for width, and will be eighteen feet long. Provision will be made for a platform which may be folded up on the back end, and from which the minister may deliver his message to the crowds which will surround his car. The platform which may be extended as a continuance of the floor of the rear of the car will be about six feet long and the other sides commensurate with the rest of the body.

The car will probably be finished by the end of the week and will be immediately driven by Rev. Deal to Petoskey, where large meetings are being held and from there will be driven to the western towns of Tennessee; thence to many towns of the southern states. The combination church, auto truck and home will house the Rev. Deal, his wife, two children and Rev. James Corbin, also of Flint, whom Rev. Deal expects to take along with him on his Missionary tour. The party expects to be in Petoskey until the first of September, and anticipates reaching Tennessee about the fifteenth of the same month.

The car will cost approximately two thousand dollars. It will be entirely enclosed with curtains on the sides, with a solid body two feet and one half up from the base of it.

Rev. Deal represents no denomination, but will do evangelical work wherever he can work to the best advantage. He is supported by no religious body, but will rely for his resources, upon the gifts of those whom he reaches with his message.

FRAKER - ROUNSIFER

Foster Allen Fraker and Marion Rounsifer Married Wednesday July 15.

Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents at Howell, occurred the marriage of Foster Allen Fraker of this city, and Miss Marion Rounsifer. Foster Fraker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fraker and is a young man of sterling worth and character. He graduated with the Alma College Class of 1912, and for two years has taught and coached in the Eaton Rapids public schools.

His bride, Miss Marion Rounsifer, has many friends in Alma where for four years she was a student at Alma College, graduating with the class of 1913. During the past year she has been an instructor in the Eaton Rapids Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraker are expected in Alma the latter part of the week, and later will make their home in Leapeer, where Mr. Fraker will have charge of athletics in the public schools of that city. Their many friends in Alma, Eaton Rapids and elsewhere throughout the state, will join with the Record in wishing for them all the joys and happiness of a long married life.

Sunday evening union services were held in the Presbyterian Church, July 11th. Rev. J. Frank Jackson delivered the sermon. Rev. William H. Mason, of the Presbyterian church, Rev. V. E. Beshgetoor, who is connected with the Great Lakes Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. Mudge, of the Church of Christ, assisted Rev. Jackson in the services.

W. C. T. U.

The home of Mrs. Beebe was the meeting place of the W. C. T. U. last Saturday. The excellent attendance showed interest in spite of the very warm weather.

Rev. W. H. Mason gave a very practical and inspiring address on "Good Citizenship." Mr. Mason spoke in part as follows:

The obligation of good citizenship is especially imperative for all Americans, for no other people on the face of the earth enjoy so large a measure of self-government and upon no people does government bestow so large a measure of blessing. Now good citizenship begins at home. It is vastly easier to be a good citizen in general than to be a good citizen in particular. Patriotism toward Washington costs less in endeavor and self-sacrifice than patriotism toward Alma. What we need today more than zeal for the purity of the general government is zeal for our local municipal affairs. It more directly concerns us that we have a good mayor and city council than that we have a good president and congress, although the latter, of course, are not to be ignored. That man who feels no responsibility and assumes no obligation toward maintaining good government in his own community is not a good citizen. That man who never takes any interest in public affairs is not a good citizen. That man who neglects the house he lives in and suffers it through carelessness or stinginess to fall into dilapidation is not a good citizen. It is every good citizen's part to take a share in the responsibilities as well as the privileges of self-government. If we make the life of our towns and cities and rural communities wholesome, the life of the state and the nation will take care of themselves. Good citizenship begins at home.

This meeting proved so interesting that a motion was carried to ask another pastor to speak for the Union at the August "pot-luck" picnic to be held in the park.

MRS. FLEMING.

EX-GOV. CHASE OSBORN

To Visit Alma Sunday, July 26—Subject "The Civilizing Influence of Missions."

Ex-Governor Osborn will deliver the Commencement address at the graduating exercises of the class in Sunday School Methods at the College summer school one week from next Sunday, July 26th. The former governor of Michigan will take for his subject, "The Civilizing Influence of Missions."



At this time about one hundred fifty diplomas will be presented and the occasion will be a memorable one.

The governor in his African travels came in close contact with the work of Christian missions in the Dark Continent and his message, July 26th, will be eagerly awaited by a large number of people, both in Alma and elsewhere.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I wish to announce to the Republican voters of Gratiot county that I am a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer at the Primary Election. Your support will be appreciated.

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WILBUR NELSON,
Ithaca, Mich.

Mrs. Adams is giving a reduction on all wash goods this week.

Take home a quart of the finest ice cream from Luchini's for Sunday dinner.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of School District Held Last Monday Evening.

P. M. SMITH SUCCEEDS HIMSELF

Secretary and Treasurer Reports Presented and Adopted

The Annual School Meeting was called to order Monday evening by Francis King. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved, following which, D. L. Johnson presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted and ordered placed on file, subject to audit by the members of the Board of Education. The Secretary's report as published in last week's Record, was presented, following which the estimate of cost for 1914-15 as prepared by the School Board at a meeting held July 3, 1914, was presented by the Secretary. Among the improvements authorized at the meeting and requested by the School Board, will be found a new boiler for the old high school building, an adding machine for the commercial department, additional chairs for the auditorium, additional radiator and a number of other needed improvements, including a fund of \$100 to be used in tinting walls.

The election of a director to succeed P. M. Smith, brought out 61 votes, of which Mr. Smith received 40, the remaining 21 being scattered.

The Secretary reported \$2,300.00 as having been received from foreign tuition and incidental supplies. As a result of the increased attendance, the excellent facilities for study, together with the expense entailed in maintaining the present high standard of excellence, the School Board at a recent meeting, advanced the tuition from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year. The city of Alma now has 916 children of school age within its corporate limits, and with the rapid growth the city is now enjoying, it is only a question of a short time before all of the present available room will be used for the city's own pupils.

ALMA TO HAVE GAS AUGUST 10.

C. F. Brown, president of the Gratiot County Gas Company, informs the Record office that work on the new gas plant has progressed so far that it is now expected to have gas in the mains August 10th. Work of piping residences begins Wednesday of this week. The company are filling applications in order received. If you want your house piped for immediate use call at the company's office on State street and sign up contract.

VISITED MRS. KING

Members of Grand Rapids Garden Club Visited Alma Tuesday

The Garden Club of Grand Rapids came to Alma Tuesday morning and spent several hours amid the beauties of the flower gardens of Mrs. King. The club came for that purpose only, and were amply repaid by the knowledge which they gained in that short time. To floriculturists, it is a great joy to be allowed the privileges of such an unlimited variety of flowers so neatly and methodically arranged. The ladies who were present found it a very difficult task to break away from the enticing specimens of flowerdom after so brief a visit, and the hostess as usual was unsurpassed in the art of entertaining, especially when her guests were so enthusiastic over her favorite subject, flowers. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Bundy, Miss Smith, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Limberg, Miss Robinson, Miss Griswold and Mrs. Willard, all of Grand Rapids.

Several Alma people went to Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday to see the Coburn Players in "Merry Wives of Windsor," and "Jeanne d'Arc." The former was a matinee at 2:30 o'clock and the latter an evening performance. Both were especially fine. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Suydam, Mrs. C. J. Brown and daughter, Laura, Mr. Clifton Chadwick of Ann Arbor, Senator King, Misses Betty and Fanny King, Miss Velma Sharp, Mr. L. A. Sharp and Miss Crutshaw of Detroit.

25 cents per quart for ice cream of the highest quality at Luchini's. x